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Enclosed herewith for filing is a patent application, as follows:

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Title: System for Preparing a Vessel for Anastomosis

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139 page(s) Specification (not including claims)

8 page(s) Claims

1 page Abstract

66 Sheet(s) of Drawings

X Form PTO-1449 and Information Disclosure Statement letter

2 page(s) declaration and power of attorney

2 page(s) assignment, and Recordation Form Cover Sheet

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X Nonpublication Request

X **Applicant(s) assert(s) entitlement to small entity status for the attached patent application.**

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10,392,336, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/151,441, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Pat. No. 6,391,038. Additionally, this application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/399,880, filed on July 31, 2002.

CLAIMS AS FILED (fees computed under 37 CFR §1.9(f))

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